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Thanks

... to those doing their very best to ensure that our carpark is as safe as it can be for children. Monitoring this week indicates a better than 90% compliance with our safety requests (moving on promptly, no parking on yellow lines etc) . WELL DONE!

Term calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

21/22 March	Individual & Team Duathlon events
23 March	Kids Lit Quiz
23 March	Y7 & Y8 Cambridge Programme meeting
24 March	Year 7 and 8 vaccinations
13 April	Final day of Term 1
1 May	First day of Term 2

People of the week.

... Flora Cheng and Beau Brown (room 5) for producing amazing butterfly life cycle charts this week. Really impressive. Well done!

... Margi Craig, who for the past 2 weeks, has single handedly taken in the unsold clothing & white elephant items from the Country Fair to the SPCA shop. Thank you very much!

School Duathlon Events - Years 4 - 8 - REMINDER

The events will take place as follows -

Team event - Tuesday 21 March 12.50-1.40pm

Individual Event - Wednesday March 12.50-1.40pm

Students will need bike, helmet & appropriate clothing. Parents welcome on the day to support. If children are participating in both events we are happy to store the bikes in the school hall overnight. Any questions in the run up to this event should be directed to Mr Delemare please.

Senior Camp Parents Thank You

Those parents who attended the recent Year 7 and 8 camp to Auckland are warmly invited to a BBQ by the school pool starting 6:30 on Thursday 6 April.

We hope our camp parents can make it.

We are hugely grateful for your contribution to camp and want to properly thank you.

School Injuries

If your child is injured at school & you subsequently take them to the Doctor or Hospital please ensure the school is notified the next day so we can update our records.

Items in last week's newsletter (Please access via our website or call the school office)

Precious Toys and Trading Cards
Carpark

Pool Gate
Subscreen Offer - David's Pharmacy

Carpark

Parents are asked to be patient with other parents, to understand that things sometimes don't go to plan etc. ... **but if you notice a vehicle repeatedly parked in the areas marked by yellow lines please forward the time, date and registration number to the school office.**

Please remain considerate of other users and above all keep safety front and centre.



School Security callout

The board would be thrilled if it could add another name or two to our security contact list. If you live within reasonable proximity to the school, and you would be willing to be on our contact list (or if you would like more information) please contact Kevin next week. This job is not too onerous, you would simply be contacted by our security firm in the event of an activation (in 20 years we have never had a call out to a break in), and you would make the call of whether to check it out, or whether to defer to the guards. If you check it out you save the school around \$80, around the cost of 3 or 4 books for the school library. If we can share this job you would truly be appreciated.

Year 7 and 8 Lit Quiz

Congratulations to those children representing us in this event. Consents were sent home last week for this event to be held 23/3. Children need to be at school by 8.20, must be wearing school t-shirt & take lunch etc. Please ensure any outstanding consents are returned to school on MONDAY. Any questions in the run up to this event to Mr LeBreton please.

School Hockey Teams

Teams have been established, no trials needed. Coaches will contact you soon. A letter will be sent home early next week confirming details.



International Schools English and Maths Competitions

Consent forms for the above competitions were sent out last week. If your child did not receive a consent form, and you would like them to participate in both or either of these competitions, please contact the school office MONDAY. A reminder that consents are due back **no later than 23 March** please. Remember also that these exams are difficult and best suit motivated students, with reasonable study routines and some space for the additional homework load. Happy to answer any questions. The English Exam is scheduled for 1 August and the Maths Exam for 15 August.

Aims Games

This Year's AIMS games are being held in Tauranga from Sunday 10th Sept - Friday 15th Sept. Please note, this is a 'high level' sports competition for 'Elite Sports Persons' open to intermediate school children over 10 years and under 13 years as at 1st Jan 2017. Many of the codes require qualifying times & / or grading at a national level. If your children are playing top level sports and you would like further information re the following codes contact Brenda Sinclair in the school office for more information.

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| 1/ Badminton | 2/ Basketball | 3/ BMX Racing |
| 4/ Canoe Slalom | 5/ Cross Country | 6/ Football |
| 7/ Futsal | 8/ Golf | 9/ Gymsport |
| 10/ Hockey 11 aside & 6 aside | 11/ Indoor Bowls | 12/ Multisport |
| 13/ Netball | 14/ Performance Groups | 15/ Rugby Sevens |
| 16/ Squash | 17/ Swimming | 18/ Table Tennis |
| 19/ Tennis | 20/ Water Polo | 21/ Yachting |

Entries for AIMS Games close on Wednesday 14th June, with a strict NO REFUNDS policy from this date. As in previous years all event costs, food, accommodation and travel expenses are to be met by those entering the events as is all organisation and supervision. The school pays the affiliation fee only and sends in the entry/s once payment has been made to the school.

A New Service for Year 7 & 8 Students

Our year 7 and 8 teachers will oversee senior study time in room 12 from 3:00 to 4:00pm every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

This is for year 7 and 8 students only and is an opportunity for students to do assigned homework in a quiet study space with support where needed. There will be no cost to parents. This programme is open to students on both the full Cambridge and mixed programmes.

Students may attend only one or all three sessions at the discretion of their parents. Parents will need to pick their children up at 4:00pm on the dot please. If you would like your child to participate in the study support programme you can register them this weekend by emailing Mrs Donaldson on kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz

Cambridge programme – Year 7 and 8

This is to advise that a meeting to discuss our year 7 and 8 Cambridge programme will be held 3:15pm Thursday 23 March in room 12. This meeting is especially for parents of children new to the Cambridge programme, but there will be a general question time and so other parents may also be interested in attending. We hope to see you there.

Finally

I wonder if any of you have had time to google Multiple Intelligences. As mentioned a couple of weeks back, this is a bit of a focus for us this year. Teachers have recently been working around their area of preferred intelligence, preparatory to connecting with children who share this preference. It is our goal this year to grow awareness among students of where their particular talents lie, and to explore how we might harness this knowledge to grow learning, motivation and self-esteem. Teachers would be happy to chat about this with any interested person.

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
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Community Notices

Gala Day – Hikurangi Saturday 8 April, George Street, Hikurangi, 10-2pm. Fun & food for all at the Village Church Childcare Centre, call on 433 8303 for more information.

Drama and Musical Theatre Classes It's not too late to enrol for drama or musical theatre classes. In fact, there's no time like the present! Join our dynamic engaging classes for beginners to advanced performers. Email us today to book your child in, details on our website www.makingascene.co.nz or ph Helen on 021 172 3568

WAGS (Gymnastics), Holiday programme starts Tuesday 18th to Friday 28th April. 5-14 yr olds. Ph 437 6667 or email wags.gym@xtra.co.nz for more info.

Junior Squash at the Kamo Squash Club Wednesday nights. The squash club is part of the Kamo Rugby Club in Butler Place. Students new to squash are very welcome to come and have a go. Junior nights will run from 3.30 - 5.30. Racquets available. We just ask that people bring clean sports shoes. Queries to Fiona - mooseandfi@gmail.com.

Wanted – 'small animals' – especially heritage chickens (or bantams) for family new to area, and / or a Jack Russell type dog. If you can help advise or source please text Margi on 0224

Little Ninjas karate classes for kids 4+ Karate improves fitness, focus and goal-setting. Bring your kids along to try it out for free. Mondays & Wednesdays 4-7 years 3.45 - 4.45 pm; 8-12 years 4.45 - 6 pm at MiyagiKan Dojo in Walton St. Call Craig on 021 223 3644 for more information.

Junior Swimming Sports Photo's 2017

